

FASHION'S FREAKS.

Styles in Dress Approved at Home and Abroad.

WAIT FOR THE HAPPY MOMENT.

Lace Dresses—An At Home Toilet—Similar Rules That are Often Thoughtlessly Violated.

There is no longer any excuse for ladies selecting bonnets and gowns that are unbecoming, for, so great is the diversity of styles this season, each lady may surely wear what best suits her own face and figure.



FASHIONABLE BONNETS AND MANTLES.

There are bonnets that combine in their fashion the favorite half-torque, half-copie variety; there are wide brimmed lace round hats, with open topped crowns; there are small stylish toques and turbans, and there are picturesque hats with low crowns and turned down brims. There remains no question but that the hats are decidedly lower in the crown than formerly.

Some very pretty mantles have been designed for outdoor wear. Many of these are of thick black silk cord, guipure, over glass silk, or else covered with jet. There are many black trimmings to be seen on medium sized materials. The La Capuchon mantle is made in velvet, very short, with plaited sleeves and a long black lace collar. Some pretty mantles are formed of scarfs of cashmere, trimmed with applique embroidery, made like a straight scarf, long in front, the shoulders formed by a few gathers.

In the accompanying cut are shown two imported bonnets and mantles. One mantle, designed especially for young ladies' wear, is of course, silk net, with reverses of fringes in heads and jet. The bonnet worn with this stylish little wrap is a black lace one, covered with pale green leaves and trimmed with ribbon bows.

The remaining figure shows a mantle in satin merveilles, trimmed with lace and rich jet. The lace ends terminate with jet tassels. The hat is a fancy gray straw, trimmed with velvet and ribbon.

Lace Dresses.

Lace dresses described by Harper's Bazar are of Chantilly net, with or without scallops, in vine, arabesque and leaf patterns and stripes. A great deal of jet galloon is used upon these dresses, sometimes in wide diagonal rows across the front of the gathered bodice, while others have jet leaf stripes set in rows down the front of the bodice and of the skirt. Gold ribbon—metal ribbon like gold cloth—is on other lace gowns, and many gowns of mixed gold cord and jet. Galloons of mixed gold cord and jet. Galloons of mixed gold cord and jet. Galloons of mixed gold cord and jet.

The gathered bodice, full sleeves, and draped skirts still prevail, though there are novelties as well, such as deeply draped lace aprons plaited in front and curving up each side. Jet quite short in the back below the waist line. There are also alternate breadths of Chantilly net and of plain Brussels net, the latter crossed by many rows of milliners' folds made of black gros grain; a narrow lace flounce edges each breadth at the foot, and lace separates from the foundation skirt of falls, of peau de soie or of moire.

Fashion Notes.

The plain gold ring now, as for many years past, remains the correct style in wedding rings. The engagement ring permits of the gratification of individual taste, and is usually set with the gem most admired by the fair fiancée.

Many of the jewel topped hairpins have one pin twisted and the other straight to insure the ornaments keeping a firm hold in the hair. Crowns and coronets of silver and gold, which are exceedingly popular designs for brides, are also employed for hairpins.

Black hosiery will remain in favor for general use, but colored stockings are again chosen to match house gowns and full dress toilets. Tan or gray hose thread or silk stockings with tan or gray suede slippers and gloves of suede of the same color, will still be worn with white, black or colored dresses.

An At Home Toilet.

Numbered with attractive reception dresses is the "at home" toilet depicted in the cut here given.



AT HOME TOILET.

The redingote made in electric blue faille is trimmed with gold and white cloth wrought with gold and blue. The puffed sleeves are in velvet of a darker blue. The front of the skirt is lightly draped by a huge button secured on the left side. The bodice is composed of cross folds in China crepe.

To Clean Carved Ivory.

Make a paste of sawdust dampened with water and a few drops of lemon juice; lay it thickly on the carving, let it dry thoroughly and then brush it all off with a soft but firm brush.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

A Singular Case of Eczema of the Face

and the Means Which Afforded Relief.

A remarkable instance of eczema of the face caused by exposure to the sun's rays is the following, reported by Dr. Veld, of Cincinnati, who tells that after all available means had been exhausted, a cure was obtained

by aged Dr. Veld 24 years old she exhibited no unusual sensitiveness of the skin; but at that time, when traveling in the month of April, severe swelling in the face came on without apparent cause.

There were red, wheal like elevations, combined with swelling of the eyelids. These disappeared after four days' confinement in her room. Any exposure, however, to the sun, either in clear or cloudy weather, re-induced it. The same irritability returned next spring, to cease again in autumn and winter. This recurred every spring, but lasted each year a longer time; the infiltration of the skin was also greater. These attacks had recurred annually for fifteen years. Even in a closed apartment, the side of the face turned to the light, if near the window, showed some irritation, manifested by a papular eczema. Shortly after sunset and at night she could go out in all winds and states of the weather. Even in the hottest east wind the skin was unaffected. Of many and various external remedies none gave relief; most of them increased the irritation.

Dr. Veld next sought to discover what property of the sun's rays induced this irritability. It was not the heat rays, for she could endure the glow from a fire or oven unaffected; nor the ordinary rays of light, since neither lamp nor candle incommoded her. The chemical rays were next considered; and it was found, in accordance with the experience of photographers, that a red veil limited their influence most completely. She was accordingly provided with a red veil, and sent out into the open air in the height of the day. The veil proved invaluable; for she who could not leave her room for two minutes in July and August in the forenoon, remained out, with its aid, repeatedly and without harm, for forty minutes at a time.

It is suggested that excursionists who undergo lengthy exposure to the sun's rays might find great protection for the face by making use of the means which proved so effective in the instance here cited.

The Massage Bath.

Women who are too indolent or too busy to walk or practice in a gymnasium, find in the massage bath a luxurious method of keeping the skin in good condition and insuring the proper circulation of the blood. The tub is filled with warm water, quite as hot as can be comfortably borne, and into this is thrown a bath bag, consisting of a little sack of cheese cloth, loosely filled with almond meal, powdered orris root and grated soap. The water turns soft and milky as the contents of the bag dissolve, and the skin is rubbed with the bag, which makes a smooth, violet perfume, and leaves the flesh as soft as a child's. The bath is rubbed dry and rolled in a big sheet of Turkish toweling, and then every inch of the body is carefully rubbed, kneaded and pinched with hands moistened in violet water, which impregnates the skin with a faint, flower like perfume. These enjoyable manipulations tend to reduce superfluous flesh, tighten up flaccid muscles and relieve disfigurements of outline resulting from tight lacing.

Hot Water for Inflamed Eyes.

Hot water is now a remedy so popular and varied in its applications that it is not surprising to hear it recommended for the treatment of inflamed and itching eyes. An American writer, a woman whose eyesight was wonderful, considering her age and the immense amount of labor she performed, attributed it mainly to the custom of bathing her eyes freely in water as hot as could be borne, night and morning, a habit continued for many years.

Salicylic Acid.

A physician having investigated and collected facts relative to the use of salicylic acid for rheumatism, claims that of 723 patients treated with salicylate, 523 were relieved of their pains within seven days, whereas of 613 patients treated by other methods only 149 were relieved within the same time.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

Some Familiar Rules That Are Often Thoughtlessly Violated.

Important though it is to know the correct thing to do, and to do it promptly and gracefully on occasion arises, still the most useful social knowledge is perhaps that which teaches the things to be avoided, and it is for this reason that very many of the rules of etiquette are put in negative form. Among prohibitions which will offend be found applicable are the following:

Do not write "My Dear Sir." It should be "My dear Sir."

Do not turn over the end of the visiting card or turn down the corners. This fashion does not now find favor.

Do not use trade terms except for trade purposes, as, "good for well informed; balance for remainder."

Do not address a letter to a married lady, Mrs. Rev. John Thomas, or Mrs. Dr. Frank Brown, nor use her own name or initials. Mrs. John Thomas or Mrs. Frank Brown is the current form.

Do not send a verbal answer to a written invitation.

Do not remove your gloves when shaking hands, or apologize for not doing so. It is proper to offer the gloved hand.

Do not stop acquaintances and stand in the center of the sidewalk, forcing every one out of the path.

Do not talk at a concert or theatre during the performance. It is ill bred, though a ruleless by no means uncommon, to thus disturb those who wish to listen.

Do not occupy more than your rightful share of space in omnibus or street car. Ladies are accused of being the greatest sinners in this respect.

Do not begin a letter half way down the page nor end it abruptly with "Yours" or "Yours, etc.," such a phrase being rude and uncivil; neither is it in the best taste to abbreviate "affectionately," "respectfully," and like words.

Do not write the name of street and number of house at the bottom of the envelope as is sometimes done.

Do not insist upon a guest being helped twice to a dish if he positively refuses once.

Do not whisper or use French or German phrases in company if it is likely that they will not be understood by any one.

Wait for the Happy Moment.

How ruthlessly rude some people are in the matter of interrupting conversations. One may be enjoying a very interesting talk, when one of these will rush in with, "Oh, I want to introduce Mr. So-and-So," or, "I am dying to hear what the true story is about the Thingamies." Once on a time there was an understanding that a happy moment was to be waited for before interruptions of this kind; but now every one seems so eager, so hurried, so unscrupulous, that they pounce upon one the very moment that it occurs to them to do so.

Clear the Way

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